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**MORGANFIELD MAN PLEADS TO DRUG TRAFFICKING AND GUN CHARGES**

***– Felon tried to distribute \$50,370 worth of meth***

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on October 12, 2006, **ANTHONY KEYS**, age 25, of 629 West O'Bannon Street, Morganfield, Kentucky, **pled guilty** to drug trafficking.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are not less than 20 years imprisonment and no more than life, plus an \$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

**Keys** admitted to conspiring to possess crack cocaine with intent to distribute and distributing crack cocaine and cocaine from in and about October 2005 until on or about December 27, 2005. Further, **Keys** admitted to possessing with intent to distribute cocaine and possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine. The drugs had a street value of approximately \$50,370.00.

**Keys**, who was previously convicted of trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree, a class C felony, in Union Circuit Court in Union County, Kentucky, also pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, a Hi-Point Model JHP .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol and six rounds of Winchester .40 caliber ammunition, in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin, investigated by the Kentucky State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

**Keys** is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on January 11, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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